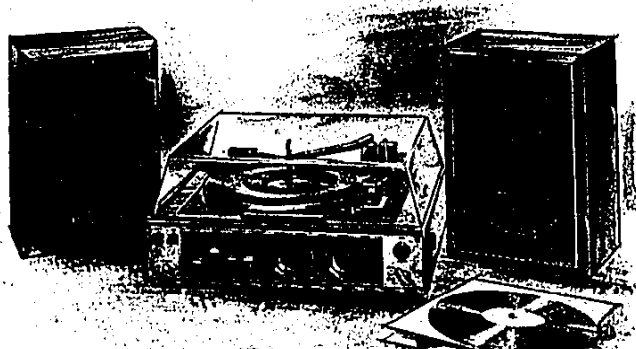


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For answers to your questions about every day traffic-related problems, write Michigan Traffic Safety Information Council, c/o Michigan State Safety Commission, Department of State Police, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

QUESTION: What is the current status of the legality of studded tire use in Michigan? A.R., Lapeer.

ANSWER: The current law in Michigan permits use of studded tires between November 1 of one year to May 1 of the following year. There is a bill pending in our legislature which, if it passes, will ban the use of these tires in either all or part of Michigan. If it passes as it now stands, the cutoff date is May, 1973. So watch your newspaper for current developments before making long-range investments.

QUESTION: Is there a specified height for car bumpers (from the surface of the road)? G.N., Lachine.

ANSWER: No. But don't forget that part of the equipment section of our Michigan Vehicle Code which makes it "a misdemeanor for any person to drive or move or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person..." So, if you contemplate removing that rear bumper, don't

leave the gas tank exposed -- or brackets protruding.

QUESTION: What is meant by reading a traffic scene when you're driving? J.A., Mason.

ANSWER: According to the Highway Traffic Safety Center of Michigan State University, it's like reading a book. Keep your eyes moving. Glance from left to right and take in your rear view mirrors as your eyes move. Concentrate on important details and look ahead - at least one block in the city, a half-mile in the country.

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QUESTION: If a ticket is issued to a motorist for speeding 15 miles over the limit and then it is found the speedometer on his car is reading 15 miles per hour less than actual speed, is the ticket still valid? S.B., Fremont.

ANSWER: Yes. It is up to the driver of a car to see that his equipment is in proper working condition. If the police car speedometer is off, and this is proved, then it would be up to authorities to dismiss the ticket. Police cars are equipped with certified speedometers.

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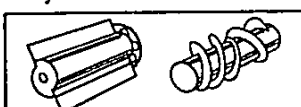


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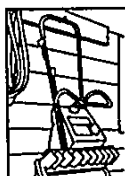
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